

PREPARING FOR CERTIFICATION TESTING

Fire Instructor I

Candidate Information

Office of the Arizona State Fire Marshal

To be eligible for Fire Instructor I Certification, candidates must successfully complete a Fire Instructor I course approved by then office of the Arizona State Fire Marshal (OSFM). Upon completion of the course, candidates seeking certification must pass the written certification exam.

Certification exams are proctored by the OSFM. Candidates who do not feel they are prepared to take the exam at the end of the class should schedule to take the exam at a later date. Certification testing is available on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Phoenix and Tucson locations of the OSFM. ***Certification testing must be scheduled in advance by contacting the office at 602-364-1075. Walk-ins are not permitted to test.***

PREREQUISITES FOR CERTIFICATION TESTING

The prerequisite for Fire Instructor I certification testing is to successfully complete a Fire Instructor I course approved by the Arizona State Fire Marshal's Office. Attendance at all class sessions is required.

PREPARING FOR THE WRITTEN CERTIFICATION EXAM

Description of the written test

The written certification exam for Fire Instructor I is a 100 question multiple choice test that is randomly generated from a bank of test questions. The certification exam is designed to test the objectives of NFPA 1041, *Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications*, 1996 Edition, Chapter 2. Each question on the exam is referenced to IFSTA's *Fire and Emergency Services Instructor*, Sixth Edition textbook. Many questions on the exam are very specific and detailed. One and one-half hours are allotted to complete the exam. A minimum score of 75%, or 75 correct responses, is required to pass the written certification exam.

How to Prepare for the Written Certification Exam

In addition to completing a Fire Instructor I course, success on the certification exam requires the candidate to read the IFSTA textbook, *Fire and Emergency Services Instructor*, Sixth Edition, and understand the concepts presented. It is important to understand that just taking a Fire Instructor I course will not fully prepare the candidate for certification testing.

The Fire Instructor I course curriculum is based on NFPA 1041, Chapter 2, not the certification exam. ***Candidates should not expect the course to cover all aspects of the certification exam.*** It is candidate's responsibility to prepare for the certification exam. Success on the certification exam requires the candidate spend sufficient time reading and studying the textbook and NFPA 1041, Chapter 2.

Texts and Materials that can be Studied

The certification exam is designed to test the objectives of NFPA 1041, *Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications*, 1996 Edition, Chapter 2. Each question on the exam is also referenced to IFSTA's *Fire and Emergency Services Instructor*, Sixth Edition textbook. Knowing this, it is in the best interest of the candidate to read the textbook and be familiar with the concepts presented. Candidates should also review the NFPA 1041 Chapter 2 objectives at the end of each chapter in the textbook.

The Arizona State Fire Marshal's Office has prepared a study guide to help candidates prepare for the certification exam. ***For best results, the study guide provided by the Arizona State Fire Marshal's Office should be completed individually. Many students choose to share answers, rather than looking up each question. The purpose of the study guide is to lead the student into the textbook, and the process of reading the textbook for the answers is important in learning the material. Study guides are not collected because the goal is not simply to complete the study guide, but to answer the questions and understand the concepts/topics presented.***

Written Exam Retesting

Candidates for certification are given three attempts to meet the minimum passing score (75%) for the written certification exam. A thirty-day period is required before a candidate can retest. Certification testing must be completed within one year of the program completion date. If a candidate fails to pass the written certification exam after three successive examination attempts, the course must be repeated if certification is desired.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. The domain of learning which emphasizes physical skills is the _____ domain.
 - a. cognitive
 - b. affective
 - c. psychomotor
 - d. enabling
2. Motivation is created:
 - a. by the instructor
 - b. from within the student
 - c. by a good lesson plan
 - d. by the use of good A/V material

REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE

After passing the certification exam, candidates are eligible to receive a certificate and ID card documenting their certification. To receive a certificate and ID card, candidates must:

- Obtain a *Certificate Request* form from the OSFM Website at www.dbfs.state.az.us.
- Submit the following to the ASFMO:
 1. A Completed *Certificate Request* form
 2. Copy of photo ID
 3. Check or money order payable to the Arizona State Fire Marshal's Office (\$10 for Arizona certificate)

CONTACTING THE ARIZONA STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Telephone:

602-364-1075

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602-364-1084

To schedule written exam retesting and request certificates

Other information

Fax

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Of Fire Instructor I Certification Testing Information

Instructions:

- Read the following
- Print your name below
- Sign and date
- Return to your instructor

I have read the “Preparing for Certification Testing Fire Instructor I Candidate Information” and understand that success on the certification exam will require me to spend sufficient time reading and studying the textbook and NFPA 1041, 1996 Edition, Chapter 2.

Print Name:	
Signature:	Date: